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SUBJECT: ICAO U.S. CANDIDACY FOR SECRETARY GENERAL

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1. ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR PRESENTED NOTE TO VINAY VERMA, DIRECTOR, UN DIVISION, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FEB. 25, IN SUPPORT OF MRS. BETTY DILLON'S CANDIDACY FOR ICAO. VERMA SAID GOI HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHICH CANDIDATE TO SUPPORT BUT ADDED MRS. DILLON WAS FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE INDIAN ICAO DELEGATION. SPECULATING FURTHER, VERMA SAID IT LIKELY THE NEW ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD BE FROM A DEVELOPED COUNTRY. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WOULD ENTER INTO INDIA'S DECISION AT SOME POINT, HE THOUGHT THE GOI CIVIL AVIATION EXPERTS WOULD HAVE PREPONDERANT WEIGHT IN MAKING THE GOI DECISION.

2. AT THE CLOSE OF THE DISCUSSION, VERMA SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THE U.S. DELEGATION AT ICAO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEIR INDIAN COUNTERPARTS ON THIS QUESTION.

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